



Hewlett-Packard Company
Intellectual Property Administration
P.O. Box 272400
Fort Collins, CO 80527-2400

PATENT APPLICATION
HP Ref. 10004382-1

In the
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Inventor(s): James P. Slupe et al.

Confirmation No.: 6252

Serial No.: 09/692,844

Examiner: Minh H. Chau

Filing Date: Oct. 19, 2000

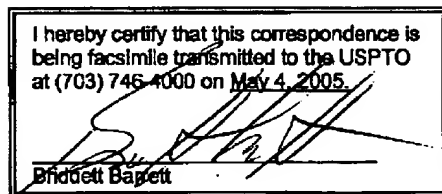
Group Art Unit: 2854

Title: Manual Imaging Device

Mail Stop ISSUE FEE
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

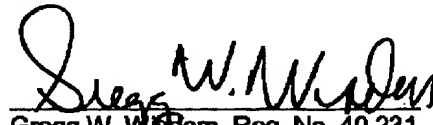
COMMENTS ON
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed on March 10, 2005, and the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance dated March 7, 2005, Applicants agree with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability of the allowed claims, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, Applicants believe that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.



Respectfully submitted,

James P. Slupe et al.


Gregg W. Wisdom, Reg. No. 40,231
Telephone No. (360) 212-8052
Fax No. (360) 212-3060